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- 4.—*A Catalogue of American Minerals with their Localities ; including all which are known to exist in the United States and British Provinces, and having the Towns, Counties, and Districts, in each State and Province, arranged alphabetically ; with an Appendix containing additional Localities. and a Tabular View.* By SAMUEL ROBINSON, M. D. Boston. Cummings, Hilliard, & Co. 1825. 8vo. pp. 316.

THE attention, which has been bestowed on mineralogy in all parts of our country within a few years, has brought to light a vast number of interesting and valuable substances, of which notices have from time to time appeared in the various scientific journals, and similar publications.

Dr Robinson informs us, that for his own convenience he commenced a catalogue of these substances, 'having in many instances experienced much difficulty in finding localities, which had been published, and in ascertaining what minerals were near him in his excursions. Believing that this catalogue would be as useful to others as to himself, he has offered it to the public.' In doing this he has established a claim to the gratitude of all, who take an interest in this fascinating pursuit, for he has relieved them from the trouble of consulting no small number of volumes, through which the notices of minerals and localities are scattered.

This publication has no pretensions to originality, except so far as regards the arrangement. The names of the towns are arranged alphabetically under each state, and under each town we have a list of the minerals said to have been found in it, with such directions as will guide the traveller to the spot where they occur. The compiler remarks, that he is not responsible for the correctness of the notices, and has accordingly given at the end of each, the authority upon which it rests. Many of these are now known to be incorrect, and it is to be regretted that Dr Robinson did not visit the localities in person, or examine the specimens, all of which can probably be found in some of the extensive cabinets of our public institutions, or in private collections, to which access could have been readily obtained. It has unfortunately happened in this country, that in the ardor with which mineralogy has been entered upon by our students, instances are not unfrequent where a desire of being distinguished by the title of a mineralogist, has been more conspicuous than that of being an accurate observer ; and hence lists of minerals have been published which cannot be fully relied on.

The work of Dr Robinson would have been more valuable,

had it been compressed one half, and published in a less expensive form; and still more so, had more caution been observed in copying the notices of new minerals and localities.

- 5.—*Antiquarian Researches, comprising a History of the Indian Wars in the Country bordering on Connecticut River and Parts adjacent, and other interesting Events, from the first Landing of the Pilgrims, to the Conquest of Canada, in 1760; with Notices of Indian Depredations in the neighbouring Country, and of the first Planting and Progress of the Settlements in New England, New York, and Canada.* BY E. HOYT, ESQ. Greenfield, Mass. 1824. Ansel Phelps. 8vo. pp. 312.

So fully has the history of the Indian Wars in New England been detailed by Hubbard, Morton, Church, Prince, Mather, Hutchinson, and the historians of the several states, that few original materials are to be expected at this day, which shall throw new light on the subject. Mr Hoyt informs us, however, that he had access to several documents, which had not been published, and which contained many interesting particulars, respecting Indian warfare on the Connecticut river. The rich country along the banks of that river was early settled, and the settlements in those regions were for a long time frontier posts. Being so far separated by a wilderness from the colonies on the sea coast, they were exposed to perpetual depredations from the hostile Indians; murders were often committed, houses burnt, storehouses and provisions destroyed, and every species of annoyance was suffered, which the ingenuity and cruelty of a savage enemy could inflict. Heavy and dark were the clouds of adversity, that hung over the hardy and brave people, who marched in the van of civilization in those days of privation and peril; many were the hard fought battles in which they were engaged, and many the feats of valor performed by heroes now forgotten, whose exploits would have gained for them, on the fields of Austerlitz or Waterloo, bright and imperishable wreaths of glory.

It was the author's chief purpose to make public the substance of the unpublished documents above referred to, and as the best mode of doing it, he has composed a short history of the early settlement of New England, and of the Indian wars down to the year 1760, interweaving his original facts in their proper places. He begins with a short Introduction, in which are brought together the dates and some of the principal events of the first discoveries